

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval Under Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP) Simplified Acquisition Threshold (\$3K to \$150K) For Restricting Competition under FAR 13.106-1(b)(1) "Single Source"

1. Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office (NCO) 20 Boise ID, for the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center, Spokane WA.

2. Nature of the Action Being Processed:

Items requested are for Open Market Ambulatory ABP Monitors and Accessories (X6) to include report management software and updates. These items are waived by the VA NAC to procure Open Market. These items are being added to existing systems in place and must work with existing proprietary Space-Labs software and servers which were procured previously when vendor was on GSA/NAC Federal Supply Contract.

3. Description of Supplies or Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:

This procurement under PR # 668-14-2-9961-0028 is for 6 Ambulatory blood monitors, software and accessories. Items must be capable of working with current units and server infrastructure previously procured with Space-Labs. This will be a single purchase at an estimated manufacturer price of \$15,705.98 total with a 30 day ARO.

4. Statutory Authority Permitting Restriction in Competition:

The statutory authority for restricting competition under SAP, or Single Sourcing, for acquisitions under \$150,000 or Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT) is 41 U.S.C. 253(c), as implemented by FAR 13.106-1(b)(1). The specific reason for restricting competition is only one responsible source **FAR 6.302-1** and no other supplies or services will satisfy Agency Requirements at a reasonable price. This justification is where in accordance with FAR 6.001(a), acquisitions conducted under FAR 13 for SAP are exempt from the requirements of FAR Part 6, but still require a justification using the format of FAR 6.303-2, IAW the VHA SOP for Other Than Full And Open Competition dated 3-22-2011.

5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):

Only one responsible source FAR 6.302-1. Due to previous procured servers and infrastructure, SpaceLab utilizes Proprietary software in their systems that these items being procured must be compatible with. The VA NAC/GSA no longer has a current contract with Space Labs which is a large business.

6. Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that Offers are Solicited from As Many Potential Sources as Deemed Practicable IAW FAR 13.104:

The original RFQ was posted as a small business set-a-side under Name Brand or Equal with the hopes of getting reasonably priced quotes from small business for the items required. The quotes received were from 55% to over 100% above the Government estimated cost.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable – IAW FAR 13.106-3:

Anticipated price matches the Government estimate as well as a quote for the same items from one year ago. Anticipated price from manufacturer is significantly lower than small business competitive quotes received.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or Statement of Reasons Market Research was not Conducted (FAR 10):

Initial market research revealed that it did not appear there were any small business dealers for Space Lab equipment. However the decision was still made to attempt to solicit the items as name brand or equal with the anticipated cost to be below the Non Manufacturer Rule threshold. Competitive quotes received were much higher than the reasonable Government cost estimate and exceeded local budget constraints.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Restriction of Competition:

See section 8 above. In addition, the VA NAC has granted a waiver to pursue these specific items and NCO 20 is currently requesting to keep this equipment standardized.

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:

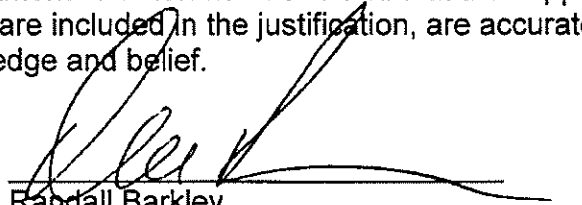
The following three sources submitted a quote for this requirement during the original posting of the RFQ. (Princeton, Shabach Services and VetMeds).

11. Statement of Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making Subsequent Acquisitions for the Supplies or Services Required:

Encourage SpaceLabs to establish partnerships with small business dealers.

12. Requirements Certification - IAW FAR 6.303-2(c):

I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a bonafide need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

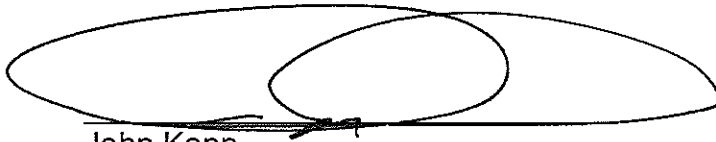
- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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- b. **Contracts Manager:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



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